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Sir:

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open position thatched umbrella but which is openable and closeable, which  
 umbrella comprises:

- a) a continuous woven one piece circular thatch,
- b) an umbrella frame having a series of ribs, each of which is interconnected  
 to a strut, each of which struts is interconnected to a hub, said hub disposed upon a  
 pole,
- c) an umbrella canopy, having an exterior surface, overlaying and connected  
 to said frame,

    said woven thatch being disposed upon said canopy's exterior surface, and  
 being connected to said frame's ribs through said canopy, and

- d) means for opening and closing said frame disposed on said pole.

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8. A thatched umbrella having the appearance of a South Seas or Caribbean fixed  
 open portion thatched umbrella but which is openable and closeable, which  
 umbrella comprises:

- a) a continuous woven one piece circular thatch,
- b) an umbrella frame having a series of metal ribs, each of which is

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interconnected to a metal strut, each of which struts is interconnected to a hub, said hub disposed upon a pole,

c) an umbrella canopy made of acrylic fabric, having an exterior surface, overlaying and connected to said frame,

said woven thatch being disposed upon said canopy's exterior surface, and being connected to said frame's ribs through said canopy by a series of spaced screws, and

d) means for opening and closing said frame disposed on said pole.

Respectfully submitted,



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